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Applicant(s)

CRANOR ET AL.

Examiner

Min Jung

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 December 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2 and 4-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3,8 and 9 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to because figure numbers are missing. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Colby et al., US 6,006,264 (Colby).

Colby discloses a method and system for directing a flow between a client and a server. Regarding claim 1, Colby specifically teaches the steps of receiving from a client a request for content identified by a resource identifier (the content request, col. 8, lines 34-40, note that the resource identifier is inherent in the content request, which is in the form of a TCP SYN or HTTP GET); querying a mapping service using the resource identifier of the content (CSD is queried for a list of available servers to serve the content request, col. 8, lines 40-41); receiving a list of servers in the network that store the content identified by the resource identifier (CSD returns a list of candidate servers, col. 8, lines 41-42); and redirecting the client to one of the servers using a second resource identifier (content request is served by one of the local servers chosen from among the list of candidate servers, then an appropriate network address translation for the flow is set up, and a connection is set up with the appropriate server, and the content request is passed to the server, col. 8, lines 45-55, the chosen local server, associated assigned flow, and the network address translation for the flow collectively reads on the second resource identifier since those are the identifiers used to redirect the client to one of the servers).

Regarding claim 2, Colby's teaching of redirection scheme can be considered as protocol-based redirection since the method is performed within the scope of Internet Protocol environment.

Regarding claim 5, Colby teaches the steps of storing in a database a list of servers in the network that store content identified by a resource identifier (col. 6, lines 42-56); updating the database as content stored in the servers change (col. 6, lines 64-65, and col. 8, lines 19-31); responding to queries requesting content identified by a resource identifier with the list of servers that store the content, wherein the list of servers can be used to redirect clients to one of the servers (col. 8, lines 34-55).

Regarding claims 6 and 7, the ICP of Colby reads on the centralized mapping server for the database because ICP's function is to provide server and content information and periodical updates which is main data needed for mapping.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Colby in view of Schmeidler et al., US 6,374,402 (Schmeidler).

Colby, while teaching all the limitations of claims 1, fails to specifically teach the URN as the first identifier and URL as the second identifier. Schmeidler teaches a

content delivery system which includes a steps of providing URL for the specified URN. Schmeidler's teaching is also in the same field of content distribution redirecting the client request for content identified by a resource identifier. Therefore, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to implement the method of Colby by specifically incorporating the URN and URL as the type of resource identifiers used for redirecting the client as is specifically taught by Schmeidler for specifying the location of the server for the requested content information.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 3, 8, and 9 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

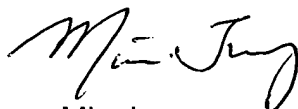
7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The McCanne patents, the Li patents, the Lu patent, and the Leighton et al. patent are cited for further references.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Min Jung whose telephone number is 571-272-3127. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 8AM-4PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chau Nguyen can be reached on 703-272-3126. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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October 21, 2004


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